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METHOD FOR USE DURING PROGRAMMABLE  
FRAGMENT PROCESSING IN A GRAPHICS PIPELINE)

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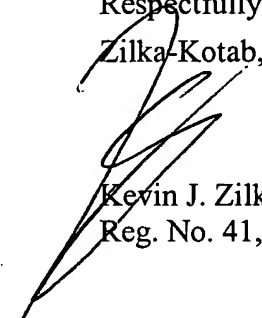
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